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In re application of:

GERRIT JAN VAN DER KOLK, ET AL.

Application No. 09/779,115

Filed: February 7, 2001

For: METHOD FOR THE
MANUFACTURE OF AN ARTICLE
AND AN ARTICLE

Examiner: Archene A. Turner

Art Unit: 1775

AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111

December 19, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

As a precautionary measure, applicants request an extension of time, if needed and if not separately attached hereto, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with our standing authorization for such charges.

In response to the restriction requirement dated November 19, 2002, applicants elect with traverse the further prosecution of claim Group II, that is, of product claims 24-30.

Reconsideration and retraction of the restriction requirement are requested. The sole reason for the restriction is the unsubstantiated assertion that the product could be made by a CVD process. It is unclear how this would work. Further, the invention defined by the product claims of Group II and the method claims of Group I are so closely related that they require a single search.

Accordingly, in the interest of efficiency, applicants request that the restriction requirement be retracted and that all pending claims 1-30 be examined.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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